

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Heinz-Christen LORENZEN et al.

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS
FOR MAKING ROD-LIKE
FILLERS FOR SMOKERS'
PRODUCTS

Customer No.



26694

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Preliminary Amendment

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said advancing step includes moving lengthwise a stream consisting of long tobacco particles, said admitting step including applying batches of short particles at least substantially centrally of said stream.